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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - May 2005

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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 62,878 metric tons of beans and pulses in May 2005, down 55 percent from the same period in 2004. India was the major buyer in May, accounting for 85 percent of the exports.

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Trade

Burma exported 62,878 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses in May 2005, down 55 percent from the same period in 2004, due mainly to decreased demand from importing countries. Matpe accounted for 56 percent of total exports, followed by Toor Whole (18 percent) and Chickpeas (11 percent). The major destination in May was India, accounting for 85 percent of total exports. Exports to Japan accounted for 6 percent of total exports in May. Butter beans (lima beans) comprise 72 percent of the total exports to Japan.

Belgium – a total of 264 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 44 mt of Mung beans
- 220 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

China - a total of 220 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 200 mt of Mung beans
- 20 mt of various beans

Egypt – a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported

- 23 mt of Black eye beans
- 23 mt of Kidney beans

Germany – a total of 84 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 84 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 53,273 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 31,598 mt of Matpe
- 1,749 mt of Mung beans
- 1,331 mt of Black eye beans
- 11,165 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)
- 1,752 mt of Kidney beans
- 5,582 mt of Chickpeas
- 96 mt of Lima beans

Japan - a total of 3,817 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 1,081 mt of Matpe
- 2,716 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
- 20 mt of Sutani/pya (Red Lima beans)

Korea – a total of 361 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 180 mt of Mung beans
- 160 mt of Butter beans
- 21 mt of Kidney beans

Israel – a total of 21 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 21 mt of Kidney beans

Malaysia - a total of 178 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 178 mt of Matpe

Netherlands – a total of 324 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 206 mt of Mung beans
- 118 mt of Toor Whole

Pakistan - a total of 2,394 mt of beans and pulses exported:

990 mt of Matpe
1,404 mt of Chickpeas

Philippines – a total of 28 mt of beans and pulses exported:

28 mt of Bamboo beans

Portugal – a total of 120 mt of beans and pulses exported:

120 mt of Black eye beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 424 mt of beans and pulses exported:

424 mt of Matpe

Singapore - a total of 290 mt of beans and pulses exported:

44 mt of Matpe
202 mt of Mung beans
44 mt of Bamboo beans

Thailand – a total of 120 mt of beans and pulses exported:

120 mt of Matpe

United Kingdom – a total of 290 mt of beans and pulses exported:

290 mt of Mung beans

UAE - a total of 624 mt of beans and pulses exported:

480 mt of Matpe
144 mt of Black eye beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2004	2005
January	59,450	37,528
February	85,062	51,171
March	131,179	71,433
April	129,001	56,153
May	139,895	62,878
June	98,906	
July	68,992	
August	47,786	
September	30,748	
October	34,080	
November	45,107	
December	35,584	
TOTAL	905,790	279,163

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met in May 2005 are:

FAQ = Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 320

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 375

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 340

Mung beans (FAQ) US\$ 410

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) US\$ 320

Note: Average exchange rate in May: one US\$= Kyat 989

Export Prospects

Prices of beans and pulses firmed in May as a result of active trading activities, especially in the last week of May. According to trade sources, prices should continue to increase in June. Exports to Japan increased considerably after the problem of cyanide contamination has been solved, leading Japan to be the second largest buyer of Burmese beans and pulses in May.

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